

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, November 11, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Let us love one another. (2 John 5)

Did you notice that John says, "Let us love one another" (2 John 5)? He includes himself in the exhortation, telling us that everyone is called to love. And actions speak louder than words. It's not enough to just say, "I love you." You need to actually do it.

The author of the second book of John was probably not John the apostle, but another John, a presbyter, or elder, in a local church. He likely knew some of the people who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' ministry—maybe even some of the apostles. John is writing out of concern for the brothers and sisters in his church. He rejoiced like a proud parent that they were "walking in the truth" and urged them to "love one another" (2 John 4, 5).

Why did John focus on these concerns? Some believers had stirred up confusion about whether Jesus had really been fully human. Perhaps, they thought, he was just pretending to be a man. As a result, many people were caught up in controversy and were missing the heart of the matter: God loves our humanness so much that he sent his Son to take on our actual flesh and blood. He wanted to be completely human: one of us so that he could be one with us.

If God has so much love for us human beings, then how could the people in John's church think they didn't have to love each other—and in practice, not just in theory? This was John's point. What we do matters. How we love matters. Sometimes it matters more than what we say we believe.

So when we attend Mass faithfully but speak harshly to a family member at home, we are missing something. Our love for one another is a reflection of our love for God. As John wrote, love is the most important way we can live out our faith.

God loves everyone and wants his love to flow out from you and into your relationships. So stop today, and look at the people around you. Ask God to show you one brother or sister that he wants you to love in a concrete way. Then spend time with them: look them in the eye, listen to their concerns, and care for them with the love that you have received from God.

"Jesus, help me to show your love today."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Veteran's Day - in your thoughts and prayers today, remember the brave men and women who have fought for the freedoms and liberties that we hold so close to our hearts.
- St. Patrick will hold an ACT Workshop the weekend of November 12 and 13. If you're interested in attending any of the three sections (math, science, and/or English), see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.

- Seniors, Friday, November 18, will be your college t-shirt day. Seniors may wear jeans and a college t-shirt next Friday, and we will take a picture for the yearbook!
- Students, we have St. Patrick bracelets for each of you. Teachers, please distribute bracelets during first period today.
- Congratulations to the JV boys basketball team for their victory last night over East Central. The team played hard and posted a great win!

The varsity boys basketball team defeated East Central 44-34 last night. It was a hard fight victory for the Irish. The team will host the St. Patrick Tournament next Tuesday and Thursday.

We would also like to congratulate our eighth grade girls basketball team on their victory Wednesday night against West Wortham - we won 29-21. Players of the game were Emily Nolte, Jessica Harrison, Quinlan Pisciotta, Ali Ware, and Jasmine Stawarski. Way to go Lady Irish!

- Mrs. Trahan needs to see the building and painting crew during the day today for the fall drama production.
- The Scholastic book fair begins in the library on Monday. It will be open from 7:45 until 3:30 each day. Online shopping is available until November 22.